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In re Patent Application of:  
Walter Dennis Robertson III

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For: Valve Assembly

Examiner: Hogan, James Sean

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

AF Amendment  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Final Office Action dated July 30, 2009, Applicants submit the following response and request favorable action.